

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Mr. George F. Karl P.O. Box 2921 Poulsbo, WA 98370

Dear Mr. Karl,

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACT REQUEST; CASE NUMBER DON-NAVY-2017-003132

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 1, 2017, wherein you seek "any instance of business between Samuel Vitaro and/or Vitaro & Goodfriend and NAVFAC whether by contract, purchase card, or any other payment/compensation means (not previously provided)."

Your request was received by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) on February 7, 2017. For tracking purposes, your request was assigned file number DON-NAVY-2017-003132.

Our search for records included all files maintained by NAVFAC. All records responsive to your request, are maintained by Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest (NAVFAC NW). NAVFAC NW will provide responsive records to you in response to DON-NAVY-2017-003130, made by you to NAVFAC NW on February 1, 2017. Accordingly, any records provided by NAVFAC NW will satisfy both of your identical FOIA requests. The fees associated with the processing of your request are waived in this instance, but this action is not indicative of how future requests will be handled.

In view of the foregoing, you may consider this to be an adverse determination which may be appealed. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within the web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

Office of the General Counsel Department of the Navy (Attn: FOIA Appeals) 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532 Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement

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indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at https://ogis.archives.gov.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Abby Machalec, <a href="mailto:abby.machalec@navy.mil">abby.machalec@navy.mil</a>. Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2017-003132 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely.

PA. POLLOCK

Chief Management Officer

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